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In the Claims

Amend Claims 1, 2, and add new Claims 6 - 11 as indicated below:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A side impact air bag curtain apparatus comprising:
2 an inflatable air bag adapted to be installed within a vehicle in a stowed condition
3 proximate ~~the~~ a roof rail of a vehicle and when inflated expands from the stowed
4 condition to a deployed condition generally in front of an adjacent side of the vehicle;
5 ~~the air bag including a set of first air bag anchors fixedly connected to a~~
6 ~~determinable set of fixed first vehicle anchors within the vehicle, the air bag including at~~
7 ~~least one movable air bag anchor at an end of the air bag; and~~
8 a force-directing member or guide fixedly mounted at a determinable orientation
9 within the vehicle and adapted to slidingly receive and support the moving anchor,
10 wherein upon inflation of the air bag, the air bag moves to the deployed condition
11 causing the movable anchor to slide down the force-directing member so that upon
12 inflation of the air bag the movable anchor is self located in or near a center of the force-
13 directing member resisting any tendency of the curtain to move or be moved upwardly.
- 1 2. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in Claim 1 wherein the force-directing
2 member includes a bent rod with the rod mounted such that ~~the~~ an apex of the rod
3 tends to cause the ~~second~~ movable air bag anchor to self-center.

3. - 5 (Withdrawn)

- 1 6. (Newly Added) A side impact air bag curtain apparatus comprising:
2 an inflatable air bag adapted to be installed within a vehicle in a stowed condition
3 proximate a roof rail of a vehicle and when inflated expands from the stowed condition
4 to a deployed condition generally in front of an adjacent side of the vehicle;
5 the air bag including at least one movable air bag anchor at an end of the air bag;
6 and
7 a force-directing member or guide fixedly mounted to the vehicle adjacent one
8 side of the deployed air bag, and adapted to slidingly receive and support the moving

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9 anchor, comprising an arcuate bar configured with an apex facing the one side of the
10 deployed air bag wherein upon inflation of the air bag, the air bag moves to the
11 deployed condition causing the movable anchor to slide down the bar so that upon
12 inflation of the air bag the movable anchor is self located within the apex of the bar.

1 7. (Newly Added) The system as defined in Claim 6 wherein the bar includes ends
2 which respectively extend angularly away from the apex.

1 8. (Newly Added) The system as defined in Claim 6 wherein the bar includes a first
2 portion mounted vertically in the vehicle and a second portion which extends angularly
3 therefrom.

1 9. (Newly Added) The system as defined in Claim 6 wherein the bar includes a first
2 portion mounted horizontally in the vehicle and a second portion which extends
3 angularly therefrom and away from the one side of the air bag.

1 10. (Newly Added) The system as defined in Claim 6 wherein the bar includes a first
2 portion and a second portion which extend outwardly from the apex and wherein the
3 first and second portions are each skew mounted relative to the vehicle.

1 11. (Newly Added) A side impact air bag curtain apparatus comprising:
2 an inflatable air bag adapted to be installed within a vehicle in a stowed condition
3 proximate a roof rail of a vehicle, the air bag having a determinable side-to-side width
4 when uninflated and when inflated expands from the stowed condition to a deployed
5 condition generally in front of an adjacent side of the vehicle, additionally when inflated
6 the width of the air bag is reduced in dimension;
7 the air bag including at least one movable air bag anchor at an end of the air bag;
8 and
9 a guide fixedly mounted to the vehicle, the guide defining an inflection point, the
10 guide adapted to slidably receive and support the moving anchor, wherein upon
11 inflation of the air bag, the air bag moves to its deployed condition causing the movable

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- 12 anchor to slide down the guide so that upon inflation of the air bag the movable anchor
13 is self located in or near the inflection point of the guide thereby resisting any tendency
14 of the curtain to move or be moved while the curtain is inflated.